

CONCLUSION (Webster Bosley House)  
South of Gerber Lane between Thornton  
Mill and Western Run Roads.  
Not accessible  
Early nineteenth century, 1854

The original portion of this house was built by Thomas Cole of Thomas, but does not appear on the 1798 Federal Tax Assessment. In 1810, Daniel Bosley, Cole's brother-in-law, inherited the property specifically designated in Cole's will as his "dwelling plantation." Daniel Bosley's son, Joseph, enlarged the existing house in 1854 according to the datestone. The Bosley family have lived there ever since. Most of the interior detail work in both the original section and the addition still remains. The earlier section is one of the oldest houses in the region, and may be the oldest.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Conclusion

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Gerber Lane & Thornton Mill Road

CITY, TOWN

Sparks

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

8

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Baltimore

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

**CATEGORY**

☐ DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

☐ STRUCTURE

☐ SITE

☐ OBJECT

**OWNERSHIP**

☐ PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

☐ BOTH

**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**

☐ IN PROCESS

☐ BEING CONSIDERED

**STATUS**

☒ OCCUPIED

☐ UNOCCUPIED

☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

**ACCESSIBLE**

☐ YES: RESTRICTED

☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED

☒ NO

**PRESENT USE**

☐ AGRICULTURE

☐ MUSEUM

☐ COMMERCIAL

☐ PARK

☐ EDUCATIONAL

☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

☐ ENTERTAINMENT

☐ RELIGIOUS

☐ GOVERNMENT

☐ SCIENTIFIC

☐ INDUSTRIAL

☐ TRANSPORTATION

☐ MILITARY

☐ OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Conclusion Farms, Inc. c/o Webster Bosley Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Gerber Lane

CITY, TOWN

Sparks

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code  
Md. 21152

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

Baltimore County Courthouse

Liber #: 4858

Folio #: 359

STREET & NUMBER

Washington Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Towson

STATE  
Md.

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

None

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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**CONDITION**

☐ EXCELLENT  
☒ GOOD  
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

☐ UNALTERED  
☒ ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

CONCLUSION (Webster Bosley) is a three storey stone house, three bays in length, with a slightly lower three storey, three bay stone wing. The first two storeys of the wing comprise the original house, measuring approximately 20 by 31 feet, dating from the period 1800-1810; the larger portion of the house and the third storey over the original part were added, as indicated by a signature and datestone high in the south gable

JB  
1854

The principal front of this dwelling faces east. A one-storey shed-roofed porch extends across the east front of the older wing, the depth of which is a little more than half that of the adjacent later addition; west or rear walls are flush. A two storey, two bay, shed-roofed kitchen wing extends north from the northwest corner of the original house; communication between the original house and the kitchen wing is by a smaller shed-roofed addition across two bays of the original house's west facade, within the corner formed by the older house and the kitchen wing.

Entrances to the original house are through the middle bay, flanked by a 6/6 window on each side; the north bay of the west facade is within the shed-roofed passage to the kitchen and it contains a door to that passage. The second storey windows are like those of the first. The house is divided into two rooms in each

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PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
REHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES	Original Unknown	BUILDER/ARCHITECT	Unknown
	1854 addition		

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This property, located on the south side of Gerber's Lane, between Thornton Mill and Western Run Roads, is part of a large tract which has been in the Bosley Family since about 1810. Originally patented to Thomas Cole, it was the site of the first meeting house of Bosley Methodist Church and tradition has it that the meetings were held in Cole's home, possibly this very house, even before the church was built. After the first structure was outgrown, the present church and cemetery were located nearby on the same farm.

The original portion of the Conclusion dwelling house was built by Thomas Cole of Thomas, but does not appear on the 1798 Federal Tax Assessment. In 1810, Daniel Bosley, Cole's brother-in-law, inherited the property which is specifically designated in Cole's will as his "dwelling plantation".<sup>1</sup>

Probably the Coles were allowed to continue living here, for Daniel Bosley is known to have lived at the present Lionel K. Ensor house (q.v.) and members of the Cole family were still assessed for furniture and livestock but no dwelling at Conclusion.<sup>2</sup>

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Baltimore County Tax Assessments: 1818, 1823.

Will of Thomas Cole of Thomas: Liber 5, folio 37. Hall of Records,  
Annapolis

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 176 A more or less

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

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DATE

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CITY OR TOWN

Baltimore

STATE

Md.

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Question #7 Description Continued

storey, the southerly one being two bays in width. Most interior trim is original including the north mantel of the first storey with its fluted pilasters, the cupboard with paneled doors beside the north chimney breast, the architrave mantel in the northerly room of the second storey, fully-raised six-panel doors, chair railing, shouldered two-plane architraves with backband in the first storey, one-plane architraves with backband in the second, paneled window jambs and the enclosed winding stairways east and west of the north and south chimneys respectively.

The principal entrance to the 1854 addition, not the main portion of the house, is through its southerly bay; it consists of a door with sidelights and transom, all set within paneled jambs. Typical windows elsewhere are 6/6, with narrow beaded frames, flanked with louvred blinds (missing on the rear or west facade). Third storey windows of both sections rise above wide bracketed cornices at eaves and rakes. Brick chimneys rise flush with all three gable ends.

A hall extends through the southerly bay of the house and the two bays to the north are divided into double parlors in the first storey with two bedrooms in each of the upper storeys. Most interior details of section are original including the artificial grained finish on much of the woodwork: the double doors connecting the parlors, typical six-panel doors with loose mouldings, corner-block trim and mantels with plain pilasters supporting plain frieze with end-blocks. The staircase

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Continuation Sheet #2

Question #7 Description Continued

at the west end of the hall is original to this section; its round rail is supported by a large turned newel and tapered round balusters; it extends, with intermediate landings, clear to the third floor.

The kitchen wing's shed roof slopes toward the west; its cornice is a simplified version of that on the adjacent dwelling. The brick chimney rises flush with the northeast corner. The kitchen was in the lower storey, a few steps below the floor level of the adjacent dwelling; it retains its large fireplace in the northeast corner, fitted with a crane for cooking; ceiling joists are exposed. The second storey contained other service rooms.

Early outbuildings include a stone spring house, a stone and frame barn, a stone-walled ice house beneath a larger framed structure, and a stone mounting block.

The one and one-half storey stone spring house stands west of the dwelling. Its east gable cantilevers over the wall to shelter the doorway to the spring room below and a flight of wooden steps to the room above.

The large stone bank barn stands north of the dwelling. The taller upper or loft storey cantilevers, in framed construction, over the lower south wall to shelter doors and windows to the animal stalls within the lower storey. Framed additions flank the large double doors to the loft on the north side, their shed roofs continuous with the roof above.

The stone-walled ice cellar occupies the space beneath the westerly

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Western Run-Belfast Historical District  
Baltimore County, Md.

Continuation Sheet #3

Question #7 Description Continued

third of a tall one-storey circular-sawn, mortise-and-tenon framed structure, the walls of which are covered with vertical boarding; a gable centered on its southerly roof, facing the dwelling, embellishes this otherwise-plain windowless structure.

Two steps, single pieces of roughly-worked stone, lead to a third and larger stone forming the landing of the stone mounting block in the front yard of the dwelling.

Continuation Sheet #4

Question #8 Significance Continued

In 1850, Joseph Bosley, Daniel's son, bought one hundred forty acres of Conclusion from the heirs of Artridge Cole. He built an addition and a third storey to the existing stone house in 1854, according to the datestone. The Bosley family has continued to live here and farm the land ever since.

In addition to the main dwelling, there are several other homes on Conclusion Farm. These include the Daniel Bosley house located opposite the driveway to the main house, the Glenn Bosley home on Thornton Mill Road, an overseer's house built for David Lutz in 1857, and a very early log house which appears to date from the Cole's occupancy.

1. Will of Thomas Cole of Thomas: Liber 5, folio 37, Hall of Records, Annapolis
2. Baltimore County Tax Assessments: 1818, 1823.

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Question #9 Bibliography Continued

Interview with Mr. Webster Bosley, Spring, 1976

Hopkins, G. M. Atlas of Baltimore County, Maryland. (Philadelphia, 1877).

Sidney, J.C. Map of the City and County of Baltimore, Maryland. (Baltimore, 1850).

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Glenn Bosley's House on Conclusion  
Farm  
North-east side of Thornton Mill Rd.,  
north of Priceville Rd.  
Not accessible  
nineteenth century

This house, unlike its immediate neighbors, is rendered in frame instead of stone. This building, and the barn situated north-east of it, stand on a tract patented in the eighteenth century by Thomas Cole, Sr., and was inherited by Daniel Bosley in 1810. The land has remained in the Bosley family ever since.

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Daniel Bosley's House on Conclusion  
Farm  
South side of Gerber Lane between  
Thornton Mill and Western Run Rds.  
Not accessible  
Late nineteenth century

Located on a tract of land which has been in the Bosley family since 1810, this frame house dates from the late nineteenth century. It has a centered gable for its sole ornamental feature- a feature commonly found in nineteenth century rural architecture.

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Overseer's House on Conclusion Farm  
South side of Gerber Lane  
Not accessible  
1857

This house is a two storey stone house covered with stucco. It was built on Conclusion Farm as an overseer's dwelling for David Lutz in 1857 as its datestone attests. It is a traditional but substantial dwelling with touches of current style in its dentiled cornice. The separate kitchen is a late manifestation of typical 19th century planning.

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Donald Bosley's Log House on Conclusion  
Farm  
South side of Gerber Lane  
Not accessible  
Early and late nineteenth century

This log house and its late nineteenth century addition are in fair condition. The earlier section appears to date from the Cole family's occupation of Conclusion Farm in the early nineteenth century. To the northwest, a small wooden dairy house survives, also in fair condition.